

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
June 10, 2019 – 2:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

SPECIAL MEETING

Teleconference Location:
Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa
1300 Tuyuna Trail, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM 87004
Business Center

OPENING: Mayor Tornek called the special meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Councilmembers: Mayor Terry Tornek
Vice Mayor John J. Kennedy
Councilmember Victor Gordo (Participated telephonically)
Councilmember Tyron Hampton
Councilmember Steve Madison
Councilmember Gene Masuda
Councilmember Margaret McAustin (Absent)
Councilmember Andy Wilson(Absent)

Staff: Steve Mermell, City Manager
Julie Gutierrez, Assistant City Manager
Michele Beal Bagneris, City Attorney/City Prosecutor
Theresa Fuentes, Assistant City Attorney
Matt Hawkesworth, Director of Finance
Lori Eubanks, Senior Executive Assistant

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2020
OPERATING BUDGET AND FISCAL YEAR 2020-2024 CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET:**

CIP and Operating Budget Presentations:
• Water and Power

Gurcharan Bawa, General Manager Water and Power, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Department's Power and Water Fund Operating budgets, Electric and Water System CIP budgets, and Street Lighting and Electric Undergrounding Fund CIP budget; and responded to questions. Varoojan Avedian, Engineering Manager, responded to questions related to the replacement project of existing manhole covers/lids. Mitch Dion, Assistant General Manager Water and Power, responded to questions regarding the Department's preliminary non-potable water project, the impacts of the rainy season to ground water basin and surface water run-off levels, and active water wells in the City.

City Manager Mermell responded to questions related to the City's PMC, which does not allow for private water wells, and stated that staff will research the Annandale Golf Club's use of a private water well.

Councilmember Madison spoke on the need for staff to aggressively combat the affects of climate change through the City's policies and programs.

Councilmember Gordo requested that staff provide an update on the replacement project of the oil-based switches (in the vaults), including an anticipated completion date.

Councilmember Hampton asked staff to follow up on the installation of a green mesh cover for the fencing surrounding the Sheldon Reservoir as part of the beautification efforts.

Operating Budget Presentations:

- Housing

William Huang, Director of Housing, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Housing Department's Operating budget, and responded to questions.

The Mayor asked the Housing staff to provide additional clarification on the reallocation of funds that are included in the Housing Administration's Fiscal Year 2020 expenses.

Councilmember Madison spoke on the need for staff to work collaboratively with the United States Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) to investigate ways to better utilize the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers in the City. He also spoke on the need to assist homeless students, specifically those attending Pasadena City College (PCC) to allow students to utilize their restroom facilities.

Vice Mayor Hampton supported additional efforts to better utilize VASH vouchers, as well as ways to bridge the amount of available vouchers and the current rent market rate, to provide housing for homeless veterans. He also asked staff to consider ways to provide homeless individuals with access to basic hygiene facilities; and provide information on the number of families that are provided assistance in the Pasadena Unified School District's Families In Transition program. Mr. Hampton also requested that staff consider partnering with other municipalities to build or convert housing opportunities for homeless individuals.

The Mayor asked staff to clarify the number of affordable inclusionary units that were produced in Fiscal Year 2019.

Councilmember Kennedy suggested that during the recruiting process of a MASH supervisor, staff do their best to find an individual who is empathetic to the needs of the community.

Armando Herman, residence not stated, provided comment.

Following discussion, by consensus of the City Council, and on order of the Mayor, the information was received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting of the City Council adjourned at 5:46 p.m.



Terry Tornek, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST


City Clerk